

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims found below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for administering terminals in communication networks, comprising:

registering at least one terminal with a central registration entity;

communicating at least one application with the at least one terminal;

performing an inquiry to obtain registration information at the central registration entity; and

performing at least one action on the basis of the registration information ~~result of the inquiry.~~

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registering of the terminal with the central registration entity is not carried out by the terminal to be registered.

3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registration information is updated.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

performing the inquiry for the user of the terminals by the application; and

supplying a list of terminals allocated to the user back to the application.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein an interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to the terminals are specified as:

an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,
data formats to transmit voice and/or data to the corresponding terminal, and
transmission standards for the transmission.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the application decides from the registration information supplied back which terminal establishes contact.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the application establishes contact with a number of terminals.

9. (Currently amended) A device for administering terminals in communication networks, comprising:

at least one terminal registered with a central registration entity; and
at least one application to communicate with the at least one terminal,
the application performs an inquiry to obtain registration information at the central registration entity, and
the application performs at least one action on the basis of the registration information ~~result of the inquiry~~.

10. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the registering of the terminal with the central registration entity is not carried out by the terminal to be registered.

11. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the registration information is updated.

12. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the

application ~~performs~~ performs the inquiry for the user of the terminals, and supplying a list of terminals is allocated to the user is supplied back to the application.

13. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein an interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.

14. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to the terminals are specified as:

an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,
data formats to transmit voice and/or data to the corresponding terminal, and
transmission standards for the transmission.

15. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the application decides from the registration information supplied back which terminal establishes contact.

16. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the application establishes contact with a number of terminals.